

Information Technology SmartBuying Configurations

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State agencies can now buy several kinds of personal computer equipment at lower prices. This equipment, which will meet the needs of most general government employees, includes:

- Personal computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- File servers

Why is it less expensive?

The lower prices are available because standard hardware features have been defined for the machines and a master contract is used for purchases (see below for the technical details about the hardware features).

Where is the equipment available?

Leading manufacturers, such as Dell, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard and IBM, are participating in this program. Agencies may purchase the equipment through the Department of Information Services (DIS) Tech Mall. Go to http://techmall.dis.wa.gov/master_contracts/pcs.aspx to view the respective manufacturers' Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Web sites, where you will find additional information and pricing. (NOTE: Vendors will be submitting SmartBuying pricing, based on the technical details below, by October 28. Vendors will then update their WSCA Web site pricing.)

Who came up with these features? Will the features change?

The DIS SmartBuying IT Sourcing Team defined the features in cooperation with the computer manufacturing community. The team will review these features on a quarterly basis to make sure they are the best fit and price for agency purchases. They will consider technology advances, current agency business needs, and platform stability when establishing future standard configurations. It will also review the need for standards for additional hardware and software categories.

Will the state be tracking agencies' use of this program?

Yes. This program is a significant part of the state's SmartBuying initiative, and manufacturers will report purchases of this equipment by agency.

What are the technical details?

- Desktop personal computers: 3 GHz processor, 2 GB random access memory (RAM), an 80 GB hard drive, and a 17" flat panel LCD monitor. This standard applies to minitower processors, that can sit on a desktop or floor, and small form factor processors, that are smaller than minitower processors and must sit on a desktop.
- Portable laptops, that are used by employees in-the-field rather than in a traditional office setting: 1.6 GHz processor, 512 MB RAM, and a 40 GB hard drive. Laptops that are used by employees as a desktop system and as a portable must be equipped with a 2 GHz processor, 1GB RAM, and an 80 GB hard drive.
- File servers, including servers 2U rack or server towers: Minimum 3 GHz Intel Xenon dual processor and 2 GB RAM.
- Monitors, when purchased without a desktop personal computer: 17" or 19" Flat Panel LCD monitors.